INFORMATION ON THE JOINT MEETING OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF THE CC OF THE WORKERS' PARTY OF KOREA AND THE CENTRAL PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA

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A joint meeting of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Central People's Committee of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was held.

The meeting was presided over by the great leader of our Party and our people Comrade Kim Il Sung; General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The meeting was attended by the Members and Alternate Members of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Party, Secretaries of the Central Committee of the Party and Members of the Central People's Committee.

The meeting discussed a number of problems related to the non-aligned movement with the approach of the 6th Summit Conference of the Non-aligned Countries.

At the meeting the great leader of our Party and our people Comrade Kim Il Sung gave a comprehensive analysis of the situation created in the non-aligned movement at present and made an important concluding speech associated with the development and strengthening of this movement.

The meeting, first of all, appraised the big role played by the non-aligned movement in the development of the world revolution. The meeting noted:

The non-aligned movement is a mighty anti-imperialist revolutionary force of our time.

The present era is an era of independence. It is the main trend of our time which no force can check that the world's people demand independence and many countries take the road of independence.

The non-aligned movement reflects this trend of the development of the present era and embodies the lofty idea of anti-imperialism and independence.

Great are the significance and role of the non-aligned movement in the development of the world revolution and international affairs.

The non-aligned movement which started the historic march with 25 new-born independent countries nearly 20 years ago has today grown and strengthened into a powerful international movement involving 88 countries of the new-emerging forces in its ranks and a great driving force advancing human history.

The non-aligned movement has consistently waged a resolute struggle, decisively rejecting any attempt to divide the world into blocs and spheres of influence of the big powers and opposing all forms of aggression and interference, subjugation and inequality. It has positively contributed to defending the sovereignty of the people, maintaining world peace and security, promoting the anti-imperialist liberation struggle of the oppressed nations, checking the arbitrariness of the strong nations in international relations and settling international problems in the interest of the world's people.

Events which have taken place in the development of the world revolutionary movement and international affairs in the past period have testified to the great vitality of the non-aligned movement and clearly showed that no important international problem can be solved correctly apart from this movement.

Analysing the situation created in the non-aligned movement, the meeting said:

Frightened at the growth of the impact of the non-aligned movement, the imperialists now direct the spearhead of their attack against it.

The imperialists try to weaken, destroy and obliterate this movement by driving a wedge, sowing discord and causing disputes and conflicts among non-aligned countries and thereby making them fight each other.

Owing to this, various complicated disputes are arising among member nations of the non-aligned movement and in some cases disputes are turning into armed conflicts.

Imperialism and other dominationist forces are vying with each other in involving themselves in these disputes and conflicts among non-aligned countries and openly interfering in them and waging a fierce scramble to bring these countries under their control.

Now complicated situations are being created in many aspects in the non-aligned movement, which is undergoing a trial.

It is true that the historic cause of the non-aligned movement cannot be realized easily along a royal road and the advance of the

movement cannot always be made smoothly. There may be difficulties and turns on the road ahead of revolution. But they are temporary ones on all accounts.

Stressing that it is the central task confronting the non-aligned movement today to defend itself from the attack of the imperialists and dominationists and hew out a new way for powerfully developing itself, the meeting stated as follows with regard to the fundamental problems to be settled at the 6th Summit Conference of the Non-aligned Countries in Havana and the stand of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on these problems:

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Adhering to the principle of the non-aligned movement, maintaining independence and strengthening the unity and cohesion of the non-aligned movement — this is the most important task set before this movement at present.

The non-aligned movement has the principles which were agreed upon by its member states and reaffirmed at the five summit conferences.

Opposing imperialism, old and new colonialism, Zionism and all other domination forces, holding fast to independence, ensuring the free development of all peoples without partaking in any bloc on the principle of independence, territorial integrity, non-interference in internal affairs and non-aggression and cooperating with each other internationally — these are the important principles of the non-aligned movement.

Fidelity to the principles of the non-aligned movement is the indispensable condition for the strengthening and development of this movement.

Abiding by the characteristics peculiar to the non-aligned movement and holding fast to the non-aligned policy and independence are the basic problem affecting the destiny of this movement.

If each of the non-aligned countries tries to draw outside forces into the non-aligned movement in violation of its principles and involve this movement in any bloc, this may endanger the existence of this movement itself.

In particular, when one tries to amend the basic principle that the non-aligned movement should be outside blocs, complicated situation may be caused without letup.

The non-aligned movement can never be a movement serving any one bloc.

This movement sets it as its essential demand not to be involved in the blocs of the big powers.

Over the past period the non-aligned movement could exert great influence upon the development of the international situation and the course of the revolutionary change of the world under the difficult condition where the machinations of the imperialists to disrupt and disintegrate this movement were intensified. This is ascribable to the fact that it defended and preserved its intrinsic features.

The non-aligned movement is based on independence. It can discharge its mission with credit only when it defends independence.

Historically, this movement appeared in the course of struggle for independence and its history is run through with a struggle for independence.

When the non-aligned movement achieves unity and cohesion on the basis of independence, it will become the most solidified and true one.

The unity and cohesion of the movement is the source of its invincible strength and a decisive guarantee for the triumph of the common cause.

Strengthening the unity and cohesion of the movement poses itself as a more important problem as the imperialists are now making more undisguised machinations to break up and wreck it.

Attaching primary importance to unity and subordinating everything to it in order to oppose the common enemy — this is a basic stand to be maintained invariably by the member nations of this movement in their activities.

Keeping to this basic stand is the starting point for the non-aligned movement to advance as a monolithic force.

Difference of views and disputes among the non-aligned countries are one of the factors hampering the unity and cohesion of this

movement today.

What attitude the member nations of the non-aligned movement take towards the difference of views and disputes and how they solve them — this exerts a decisive influence upon the unity and cohesion of our movement.

The non-aligned countries differ from each other in social system, religious beliefs and faith as well as in political views, the level of development and interests. This may cause difference of views and disputes among them.

However serious the difference of views and disputes may be, they are an internal affair of the brothers who are going ahead hand in hand with each other for the realization of the common aim. It is not a problem which should be settled by force of arms and, moreover, by drawing in the outside forces.

If the non-aligned countries are at feud and fight each other because of the difference of views and disputes, this only benefits the imperialists and inflicts losses on the non-aligned countries.

All the non-aligned countries should make every possible effort to defend the principles of the non-aligned movement and achieve the unity and cohesion of this movement.

Firstly, the non-aligned countries should firmly maintain independence.

Adhering to independence constitutes the basic content of the non-aligned policy. Those countries which are independent in the movement are real non-aligned states.

Only by holding fast to independence is it possible to defend the dignity and honour of the nation, attain the genuine independence and prosperity of the country and develop the relations among the countries on the actually equal basis.

The member nations of the non-aligned movement should thoroughly reject all sorts of outside interference. They should not blindly follow other countries and become their henchmen.

A country which loses its independence, follows any one bloc force and is dominated by another country can hardly be regarded as a non-aligned state.

The non-aligned states should prevent any outside force from setting foot on the non-aligned movement nor should they allow the baton of any country to produce effect.

When those countries which play the role of lackey of the domination force disappear, those countries which dominate others will also disappear.

Secondly, the intrinsic features of the non-aligned movement should be preserved.

The non-aligned movement should defend its characteristics as an independent political force outside the blocs.

The non-aligned countries should not allow the act of drawing the outside forces into this movement but reject any attempt to involve it in any one bloc.

The member nations of the non-aligned movement should always be non-aligned countries and in no case should they become the countries partaking in any bloc.

The non-aligned countries should not divide the member nations of the non-aligned movement into this or that party, saying that they are progressive or not progressive. Otherwise new blocs may be formed within this movement. If the countries are divided into this or that party within the movement on the plea of progressiveness and the member nations are alienated from each other on this or that pretext, it may change the character of this movement and produce a serious consequence of splitting the non-aligned movement in the long run.

We should heighten vigilance against all the attempts to violate, topple and weaken the principles of the non-aligned movement and oppose all the erroneous tendencies to make this movement depart from its original mission.

Thirdly, the non-aligned countries should counter the imperialist plots for split, alienation and disintegration with the strategy of unity.

When we are united, we will emerge victorious and when we are divided, we will surely suffer defeat.

The common denominator of the non-aligned countries is greater than the points of difference and the strength that unites the non-aligned countries is powerful than the strength that tries to divide them.

Most of the countries the world over are embraced in the non-aligned movement. Underlying it is the common desire of the peo-

ple of all countries who embarked on the road of building a new life and who aspire after independence and want to establish new international relations free from subjugation and inequality.

The non-aligned countries should value the basic factors that unite them and surmount the factors that divide them.

In mutual relations the non-aligned countries should respect independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity, should not carry on any form of interference in the internal affairs of other countries but value the rights of each nation and each country to decide by themselves their destiny and their political and social system.

The member nations of the non-aligned movement should not fight each other, taken in by the incitement and deception of the imperialists.

The non-aligned countries should resolutely smash the splittist and subversive machinations of the imperialists through their concerted action and meet their offensive with powerful counter-offensive.

The non-aligned countries should see to it that the parties concerned settle the difference of views and disputes between member nations by the method of consultation free from outside interference and in conformity with the national interest and with the interest of the non-aligned movement as a whole.

The non-aligned countries should take the stand of sincerely helping in the solution of the difference of views and disputes among the member states and should never conduct such an act as fanning their furtherance.

Partaking in one side in the disputes will only result in further expanding and intensifying them.

In connection with the disputes between the non-aligned countries, we consider that it is necessary to systematize the work of regulating and solving this question.

Now there are proposals that a dispute arbitration committee should be formed within the non-aligned movement. This will also serve as a means.

All the member nations of the non-aligned movement should see to it that parties concerned settle the dispute peacefully by the method of talks beforehand or relax it to some extend. Thus they should strive to make the Havana Summit Conference a conference of unity and cohesion, not a conference of endless polemics.

Fourthly, the exercise of exclusive rights should be opposed and democracy be guaranteed within the non-aligned movement.

In no case the non-aligned countries should allow the exercise of exclusive rights in the movement. The appearance of the tendency to exercise privileges will cause serious consequence in the unity and cohesion of the movement.

To compose the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-aligned Countries properly and define its function and role correctly is very important in opposing the tendency to exercise exclusive rights and ensuring democracy.

In the composition of the Coordinating Bureau the principle of regional proportion and the principle of rotation should be respected and complete democracy be guaranteed in its activity.

In the non-aligned movement there are countries whose territory and population are big or small and whose history of movement is long or short.

But all the member nations in each region should be allowed to participate in the work of the Coordinating Bureau on an equal basis and contribute to the development of the movement all together.

This is one of the important conditions for promoting the unity and cohesion of the non-aligned movement and strengthening and developing this movement constantly at the present time.

The non-aligned countries should jointly turn out in the struggle to defend the principle and idea of the movement and achieve its unity and cohesion.

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It is one of the fundamental tasks issuing from the mission of the non-aligned movement to check and destroy the aggressive and war policies of the imperialists, safeguard peace and security of the world and actively support the anti-imperialist liberation struggle waged by the oppressed nations.

The non-aligned movement has appeared on the stage of history in reflection of the people's desire to oppose the policy of strength pursued by the big powers, defend the political sovereignty, abolish the military blocs and military bases forever and achieve the free social and economic development free from any pressure and threatening.

Lying in the historical background against which the non-aligned movement announced its birth 20 years ago was the requirement of the time to remove the danger of war caused by the confrontation of the big powers, ensure peace and security of mankind and not to become the prey of the military blocs.

This requirement of the time in the 60's that marked the beginning of the non-aligned movement has become more urgent in the present time of the 70's when the demand for independence is loudly voiced.

The war policy of imperialism continues, the military blocs and military alliances of big powers still exist and colonies remain in different continents on the globe.

Imperialism, colonialism is the root cause of aggression and war and the basic obstacle that hampers the autonomous development of the peoples of the non-aligned countries and social progress.

The imperialists who harshly oppressed and exploited the non-aligned countries, the countries of the new-emerging forces in the past are viciously attempting to continue with aggression and intervention and plunder and exploit these countries in a new form, even today when these countries won national independence.

The non-aligned countries cannot uphold national independence nor can they build a new, prosperous society apart from the struggle against imperialism, colonialism.

The existence of the military blocs of the big powers constitutes a constant factor that menaces gravely peace and security.

The historical process of the development of the non-aligned movement shows that it is impossible to put the non-aligned policy into successful operation as long as the bloc policy of the big powers continues and military blocs are in existence.

The fabrication of the aggressive "North Atlantic Treaty Organisation" (NATO) after World War II marked the beginning that brought about the appearance of military blocs on a world-wide scale.

The NATO formed by the imperialists was successively followed by such military blocs and regional military alliances as the "Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation" (SEATO) and the "Central Treaty Organisation" (CENTO).

This inevitably led to producing the new military blocs to cope with the aggressive military blocs.

Today the existence of the military blocs further intensifies the arms race on a world-wide scale and this hampers the peaceful construction in each country this or that way.

World peace and security can never be guaranteed by the military blocs or the so-called "balance of forces" of the great powers.

Under the condition in which the imperialists are still trying to threaten and control the small countries brandishing nuclear weapons, it is an urgent matter in guaranteeing world peace and security to convert many regions of the world into a nuclear-free zone, peace zone.

In the past the member states of the non-aligned movement declared that they would create peace zones free from nuclear weapons and without any foreign military bases and troops in the Indian Ocean, South Asia, Africa, Middle East, Latin America and many other regions of the world and actively endeavoured for its realization.

But the foreign military bases have increased, foreign troops continue to remain and new nuclear weapons are being deployed.

Many regions of the world are being turned into the nuclear zones and the zones of scramble for the sphere of influence of the great powers, instead of nuclear-free zones, peace zones.

This is entirely contrary to the aspirations and interests of the peoples of the non-aligned countries and the peace-loving peoples throughout the world.

One of the major tasks confronting the non-aligned movement at present is to put an end to the colonial rule of imperialism.

The imperialists, colonialists and racists are making desperate efforts to maintain their colonial domination by more crafty methods in Southern Africa, Middle East and in many

other areas of the world.

The non-aligned countries should see to it that the non-aligned movement fully discharges its lofty mission. This can be done by taking concerted action in a struggle to oppose aggression and war schemes of the imperialists, achieve a lasting peace and thus finally eliminate colonialism on all the continents.

Firstly, the non-aligned movement should fight, bringing the problem of dissolving all the military blocs to the fore.

"Dissolve all the military blocs" — this is the demand put by the present times.

For the non-aligned policy to ensure unmistakable victory, it is necessary to abolish the military blocs.

As were shown by the demise of the SEATO and the subsequent collapsing process of the CENTO, both the aggressive military blocs, it is inevitable that the military alliances, the product of a cold war policy, will come to end.

Recently, Iran and Pakistan withdrew from the CENTO and made application for membership of the non-aligned movement. This convincingly shows that the bloc policy went bankrupt and the non-aligned policy is emerging victorious.

The collapse of the CENTO along with the SEATO proves that it has become a trend for the increasing number of countries to consider their remaining in the military blocs to be a shame and take the road of independence breaking away from them.

That the military blocs are collapsing and the countries and nations are following the road of independence is the trend of history and no force can check this process.

The non-aligned countries should increase the voices for the dissolution of military blocs of the great powers and see to it that this is turned into an international movement.

Those countries that were involved in the regional military alliances in the past and still remain there should break away from them in line with the trend of the times when the world's people are calling for independence and join in the struggle of the non-aligned countries to dissolve all the blocs.

If the non-aligned countries expand and develop this movement, while maintaining the non-aligned policy, they can deal a blow at the bloc policy followed by the great powers and further accelerate the final process of disbandment of blocs.

Secondly, all the foreign military bases in other countries should be abolished and foreign troops withdrawn.

The aggressive foreign military bases and foreign troops in the territories of other countries constitute the factor for infringing upon the national sovereignty and aggravating tensions.

The foreign military bases and troops in many regions of the world — covering from south Korea to Okinawa, Japan and the Diego Garcia Island of the Indian Ocean, and from Guantanamo of Cuba to Puerto Rico — are thoroughly in the service of the imperialists' aggression and war policy.

Particularly, nuclear weapons and mass destruction weapons installed in many foreign military bases gravely manace world peace and security.

The military bases and troops in other countries are in fact aimed to invade, subjugate, dominate and control these countries.

Accordingly, this is at odds with the trend of our times that follow the road of independence, opposing all sorts of subjugation and nothing can justify it.

All the foreign military bases in the territories of other countries should be removed and foreign troops withdrawn unconditionally.

The non-aligned countries, together with the world's peace-loving people, should launch a vigorous struggle to withdraw the foreign military bases and foreign troops.

This struggle is fully in accord with the purpose and ideal of the non-aligned movement.

The member states of the non-aligned movement should launch a concerted action to see that the imperialists are obliged to withdraw their military bases and troops in other countries.

And practical measures should be taken to give powerful support to the people's struggle to make the foreign military bases and foreign troops withdraw.

Thirdly, nuclear-free zones, peace zones should be built in various areas of the world.

Today the demand for creation of these zones in all parts of the world is increasing-

ly voiced and this is raised as a matured problem.

The non-aligned countries should expand these zones from Northeast Asia and other Asian regions into Africa, Middle East, Latin America, Europe and other parts of the world. No permission should be accorded to the nuclear-free zones to test, produce, possess and use nuclear weapons; and airplanes and ships equipped with nuclear weapons should not be allowed to pass air spaces, territorial waters and use airports and ports.

And, the peace zones should be free from any foreign troops, war means, military bases and installations.

When nuclear-free zones, peace zones are created in all parts of the world and the nuclear danger is removed, peace and security will be practically guaranteed.

Fourthly, the non-aligned countries should check and foil the imperialists' schemes of aggression and war and actively support the struggle of the people for independence, sovereignty and the building of a new life.

The sacred cause of the peoples of the non-aligned countries for defending the independence and dignity of the country and peace can be realized only through the struggle against the imperialists' manoeuvres for aggression and war.

Imperialism is the hotbed of aggression and war.

All the non-aligned countries should direct the spearhead of attack against the policies of aggression and war for the victory of the common cause.

The member states of the non-aligned movement should thoroughly expose and denounce the imperialists' crafty manoeuvres for aggression and war and bring collective pressure upon and administer blows to the imperialists everywhere they have stretched their tentacles of aggression.

The non-aligned countries should intensify the struggle to put an end to the arms race of the imperialists, realize the general and complete disarmament, totally and completely prohibit the test of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction—chemical and radio active weapons—and destroy them.

The member states of the non-aligned movement should resolutely oppose the manoeuvres of the imperialists who are stepping up the arms race and increasing tension, while making empty talks and deceiving the popular masses behind the curtain of "peace" and "disarmament."

It is the common task of the member states of the non-aligned movement to actively support the struggle of the people for independence, sovereignty and the building of a new society.

The non-aligned countries should fight to liquidate colonialism on all continents of the world.

The non-aligned movement should render all necessary support, political, moral and material, to the struggle of the people for the national independence and liberation.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea, together with all the member states of the non-aligned movement, extends active support and encouragement to the struggle of the Arab peoples to take back the occupied Arab lands and restore the national rights of the Palestinian people and the struggle of the Asian peoples against imperialism and for the building of a new independent and prosperous Asia.

And it resolutely denounces the apartheid of the racist minority in South Africa, supports and encourages the liberation cause of the peoples of Zimbabwe, Namibia and South Africa and expresses firm solidarity with all the African peoples in their struggle for the complete liberation of Africa.

We express support and encouragement to the struggle of the Latin American peoples against the imperialist political and economic domination and for the defence of sovereignty, territorial waters rights and natural resources of their countries.

Only when colonialism and all forms of dominationist forces are liquidated in Asia, Africa and Latin America can the liberation of the nations be complete and ultimate.

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For the non-aligned movement to discharge its historic mission all its member states should achieve complete economic liberation.

Today it is an important link in the struggle against the subjugation and control, ex-

ploitation and plunder by the imperialists and colonialists, for the consolidation of the political independence already won and for the independent development of the country to destroy the old international economic order, establish a new one and strengthen the economic and technical cooperation among the non-aligned countries.

The old international economic order is an inequitable order established by the imperialists and colonialists to exploit and plunder the peoples of the developing countries in the past.

Today many countries of the world won independence and the people have become the master of their destinies to carve them out independently.

The old international economic order established by the imperialists and colonialists, however, remains unchanged to go against this trend of the time.

Making use of the old international economic order, the imperialists not only plunder and exploit the resources of the developing countries but also interfere in the internal affairs of other countries and violate their sovereignty.

As long as the old international economic order is left intact, the non-aligned countries, the developing countries can not do away with the poverty nor achieve economic independence.

The non-aligned countries, the developing countries have struggled, putting up a number of demands of principle in raw material, trade, currency and other domains in the UN and other international forums to establish a new international economic order.

The "declaration on the establishment of a new international economic order," "action program for establishing a new international economic order" and "charter of the economic rights and duty of the states" reflecting the demands of the non-aligned countries and developing countries were adopted in this course. But, none of them has been implemented.

The whole course of the fifth UN Conference on Trade and Development held in Manila in May clearly showed once again that the imperialists and colonialists dislike to yield their monopolistic position in the international economic relations of their own accord.

Life makes it incumbent upon the non-aligned countries to unite firmer and wage a resolute struggle to destroy the old international economic order benefitting only the imperialists and colonialists and establish a new equitable international economic order beneficial to the developing countries.

What is important in successfully waging the struggle for establishing a new international economic order is to strengthen economic and technical cooperation among the non-aligned countries, the developing countries.

It is of particularly weighty significance to further the economic and technical cooperation among the non-aligned countries, the developing countries today when the developed countries are dead set against the establishment of the new international economic order.

The economic interchange and technical cooperation among the non-aligned countries is a reliable guarantee for the independent national development and common prosperity.

The imperialists say that the developing countries cannot live without their "aid." Quite contrary, the imperialists cannot live without reliance upon the resources of the developing countries.

If the non-aligned countries and the developing countries strengthen economic and technical cooperation and interchange, they can rapidly develop economy and technology and successfully build rich and powerful, independent and sovereign states not indebted to the big powers.

The non-aligned countries should pool their strength to defend independence and sovereignty and achieve the rehabilitation and development of the national economy.

Firstly, the non-aligned countries should establish a new equitable international economic order conforming to the interests of the peoples of the new-emerging countries.

The non-aligned countries and the developing countries should radically reform the old institutions and systems and establish fair and equal institutions and systems free from exploitation in the international economic field so as to make the imperialists not act arbitrarily in the international arena, violate the sovereignty of other countries or plunder them of their resources at will.

The raw material problem must be solved, above all, to serve the economic development of the developing countries.

It must be allowed to exercise the permanent right to one's natural resources and economic activities as a whole including the right to nationalization.

And the trade conditions must be improved for the developing countries and measures be taken to ensure them the stability of income from export.

The existing trade system and its organization should be reshaped.

All the obstacles including the tariff and non-tariff barriers to raw materials, semi-manufactures and finished products exported by the developing countries should be removed.

The imperialists should not be allowed to use the general preferential system as a means of putting political and economic pressure upon the developing countries.

The existing international monetary system should be fundamentally reformed to make it serve the economic development of the developing countries.

Secondly, the non-aligned countries should realize many-sided cooperation and exchange mutually to use their natural resources and techniques, strengthening the independence of the national economy by displaying the spirit of self-reliance individually and collectively.

The new-emerging countries accounting for the overwhelming majority of the world's population, vast territories and rich natural resources have inexhaustible potentialities for mutual cooperation and exchange.

When over 100 developing countries and non-aligned countries exchange their experiences and technique, even a few kinds each, this will pay off profusely.

The historical experience shows us that if people pool their strength, nothing will remain out of the reach of their strength.

It is a truth proved in the struggle of the new-emerging countries for the building of a new society that if countries which live in poverty pool their strength, they can display great might and do a great thing.

The non-aligned countries should take positive measures to implement the economic cooperation programmes adopted at the summit conferences of non-aligned countries.

The member nations should, as already agreed upon, activate organizations of cooperation in different domains including the council of associations of developing countries producing and exporting raw materials, solidarity funds for the economic and social development of non-aligned countries and the centre of science and technology and normalize their operation.

It is necessary for consolidating, expanding and developing the successes registered so far by the non-aligned movement in the field of economic cooperation after its organization to raise the functions and role of the coordinating bureaus of cooperation in different fields. At the same time, this requires the regular coordination of the implementation of the action programs for economic cooperation adopted at the summit conferences of non-aligned countries and other meetings and practical measures in all fields of economic cooperation between the non-aligned countries.

We consider it necessary to organize such body as an economic and technical exchange centre of non-aligned countries which will specialize in the coordination of the work of the organizations of cooperation in different domains and all other work of economic and technical cooperation in order to develop on to a higher stage the economic cooperation between the non-aligned countries.

This centre will be a body which is competent to normalize the work of the coordinating bureaus of economic cooperation in different domains by enhancing their functions and role, regularly sum up the implementation of the economic cooperation action programs and directly take necessary measures.

The non-aligned countries, the developing countries should make efforts particularly to strengthen mutual cooperation and exchange in the field of agriculture at present.

It is a very urgent matter to strengthen cooperation in the field of agriculture under the condition in which the world is now suffering from food difficulty under the influence of abnormal weather and the imperialists use grain as a weapon to catch the developing countries in a noose of subjugation.

In this connection it will be also a prac-

tical measure to organize an agricultural development cooperation body or an irrigation cooperation body of the non-aligned countries.

These bodies would conduct the studies on agriculture, its technical exchange, training of personnel and other work for mutual cooperation in the field of agricultural production.

The independence of national economy should be strengthened so as to develop the economic and technical cooperation between the non-aligned countries.

Only when an independent national economy is built under the banner of self-reliance, can the economic backwardness, the practical basis of national inequality, be done away with and cooperation developed on the principles of complete equality and mutual benefit.

The economic and technical cooperation between the non-aligned countries should be led to strengthening the independence of national economy.

The non-aligned countries should take a collective offensive against the imperialists and colonialists and fully display the spirit of cooperation on the principle of filling each other's needs to destroy the old international order based on domination and subjugation, establish a new one based on justice and equality and strengthen and develop the economic and technical cooperation between them in a comprehensive way.

Noting that member nations of the non-aligned movement sincerely hope that the 6th Summit Conference of Non-aligned Countries will be a historic conference demonstrating the indestructible unity and great vitality of the non-aligned movement, the joint meeting of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and the Central People's Committee of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea stressed:

All the summit conferences of non-aligned countries held so far played a great role in indicating new orientation of development of the non-aligned movement and its strategy of struggle, ensuring unity in action and strengthening and developing the movement to cope with the prevailing situation in each period.

The 6th Summit Conference of Non-aligned Countries should also be made a conference recording a new chapter in the history of the non-aligned movement in conformity with the demand of the present era and unanimous expectations and wishes of the peace-loving people the world over.

The historical experience of the non-aligned movement shows that when its member nations unite, they can frustrate any manoeuvres of the imperialists and dominationists.

No matter what a complicated situation may be created in the non-aligned movement, it can not block its triumphant advance.

Though the non-aligned movement is at a hard ridge now, it will be crossed over and a new road of advance be opened up by the sincere, concerted efforts of its member nations.

The non-aligned countries will make a big contribution to the cause of world peace and liberation of mankind and build a new peaceful and prospering world, a world free from imperialism and colonialism, from all forms of aggression and plunder.

Stressing that when all the non-aligned countries advance as a monolithic force under the banner of independence, the banner of unity and cohesion, the historic cause of the non-aligned movement will be sure to be crowned with victory, the joint meeting said:

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Korean people set it as an important task of their foreign policy to adhere to the principles and idea of the non-aligned movement, uphold independence and fight against imperialism and colonialism by uniting their efforts with the non-aligned countries, developing countries and all other new-emerging countries over the world.

They will make every effort to strengthen the unity and cooperation with the people of the non-aligned countries, the people of the third world countries and always side with them in the struggle against imperialism and for independence.

In conclusion the joint meeting clarified once again that the DPRK Government would honestly discharge its duty as a dignified member nation of the non-aligned movement and do all it can to develop and strengthen the movement.